

Home and Garden . . .

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House of the Week

This Farm House Goes to Town

How Country Living Fits In Suburbs

A new concept of the farm house, with ample room for all the varied activities of a good sized family, opens new opportunities for suburban life, too, in Design HW-13 for The House of the Week.

This is a versatile home, planned not only for rural locations but also for town or the suburbs—wherever a fair sized plot is available. It comprises four bedrooms, two and a half bathrooms, a large family room, an office, mud room, full basement and an attached two-car garage.

By making this a split-level house, the architect has been able to keep the entire layout in 1,643 square feet—a medium land coverage.

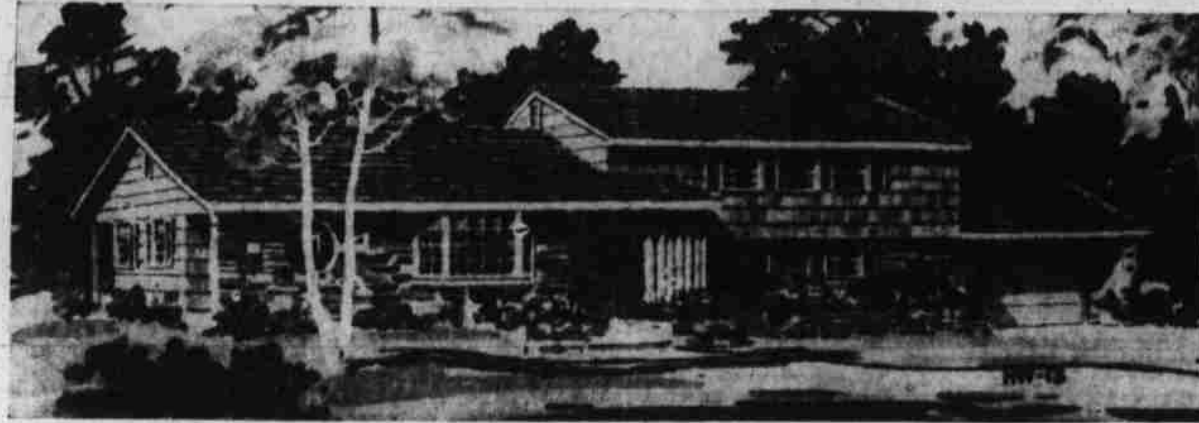
A split-level kitchen is one of the most unusual features of the plan. This keeps the laundry and food freezer four steps below the regular kitchen, and creates a separate space for canning, preserving and bulk food processing. At the same time it gives the family room convenience for light food serving.

The combination of upper and lower kitchen, with a hand-over counter between them, meets the demand on farms or in suburbs for a large kitchen efficiently arranged. The mud room for cleaning up at the back door is a convenience especially appreciated by mothers.

Farm appetites, family reunions and grand scale entertaining also figure in this plan. Dining room and breakfast room can be merged by means of a folding partition to form a room 12 by 18 feet to accommodate a banquet table seating 14 or more persons.

A survey of "Housing Needs and Preferences of Farm Families" made by the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture inspired Rudolph A. Matern, architectural authority on popular homes, to design this house. He analyzed data gathered from all four major regions of the country.

"A majority of the homemakers in all sections," says the report on the survey, "want more than one place to serve meals. . . they want the dining room table even larger. . . it is essential that there be space not only for processing foods but for storing



FARM OR SUBURBAN, it's styled in keeping with quiet country living—homespun but modern.

the preserved products as well.

The kitchen was preferred for food processing in the North, the porch in the South. "To be able to shift this job to the basement would please many of the home-makers in North Central states," the report adds.

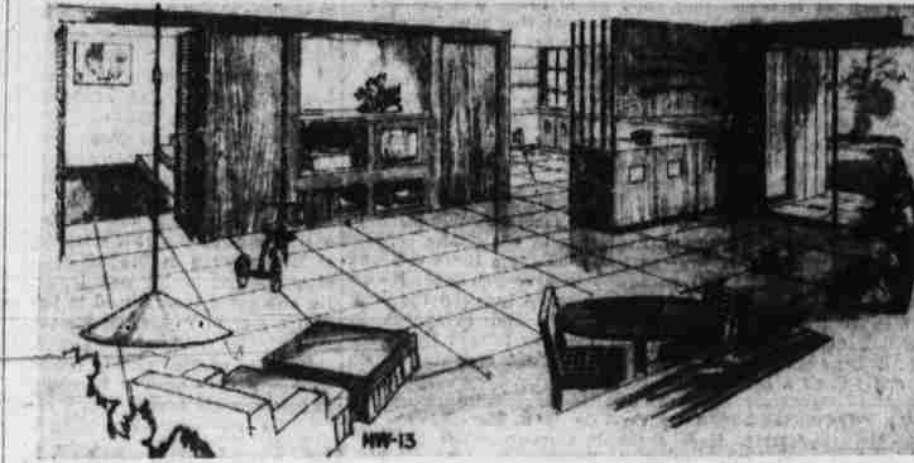
So the split-level kitchen with processing space on the ground floor, adjacent to a shaded utility porch, became the answer in this plan. "An outdoor porch provides a wonderful warm weather spot for some of these duties," Matern observes. "The upper kitchen can then be a compact, efficient, uncluttered food preparation center."

Bargain space in this house is its ground floor. Here is direct entrance on the grade for all the rooms that belong there. Here you find the enormous family room, measuring almost 18 feet one way and more than 19 feet the other way, with sliding glass doors to the rear garden porch and direct entrance from the front foyer.

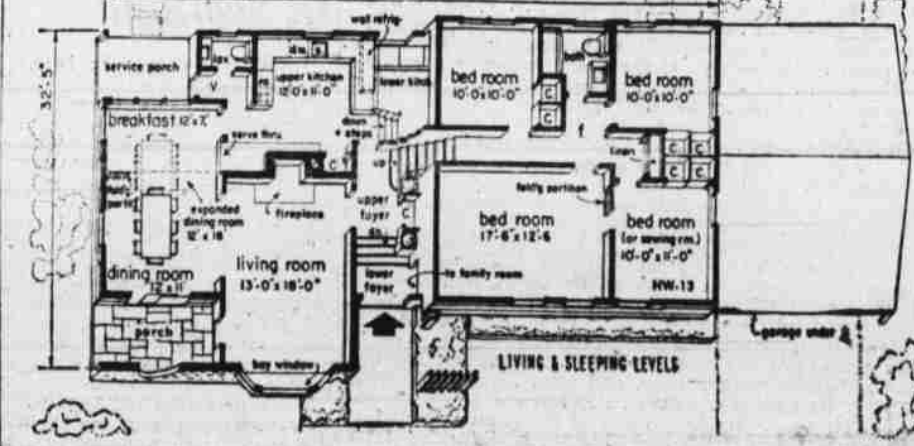
Here, too, is the farmer's office, which is readily convertible to a maid's room, hobby room or hideaway den for the professional man with homework. The adjoining clean-up or mud room is equipped with sliding door wardrobe closets and has a complete bath with a shower stall. The basement, if you need one, is a few steps down from the family room, while the main living area is just four steps up through the front foyer or rear kitchen.

"For the type of activity it supports," says Architect Matern, "this lower level minimizes traffic through the balance of the house and localizes outdoor dirt."

The sleeping level, eight steps up from the main floor, gives the economy and bedroom privacy of a two-story house. This zoning permits the use of normal size



BIG FAMILY ROOM, showing front foyer at left, built-in music center with television, a glimpse of the lower kitchen in background and glass doors to porch.



THIS THREE-dimensional plan shows how split-level works.

windows in the bedrooms without sacrificing privacy.

A part folding partition divides the master bedroom from a convertible fourth bedroom allowing for direct nighttime supervision of the baby without having the crib at the bedside. When a

fourth bedroom is not required, this space can be used for a private sitting room.

Another feature that gives this plan universal appeal is its gracious living room with fireplace opposite a front bay window. This living room opens on a secluded

front porch with only an oversize porch door facing the street through its stone wall. Sliding glass doors merge this porch with the dining room. Throughout the main floor you have open planning without hotel lobby appearances.

Answers To Garden Questions

Question—Can annuals be broadcast in the fall? Or must it be only biennials and perennials? It seems to us that flats of petunias, lobelia, etc., are quite a price here, and not being prepared to raise them ourselves we do not have the great masses of flowers to which we have always been accustomed. M. R.

Answer—Evidently you are from south of the Oregon border. . . Our climates are somewhat different here, you know. In the climates where you can scatter all kinds of annual seeds in the fall and they bloom early in the spring—or even before the winter is over—you cannot grow all of the things that we grow here. Each climate has its good parts and its bad parts. . . While there are some annuals that in ordinary years would do nicely if planted in the fall, they would not have lived through, shall we say, such a winter as we had last year. Usually bachelor's buttons, calliopsis, helianthus, gaillardias, shirley poppies, calendulas, will live over, if the seed gets a good start in late summer. We plant our pansies out of doors now for next spring's bloom.

Question—What is wrong with gloxinias? They get pretty near to blooming, then turn brown and fall off. M.M.M.

Answer—Sounds like botrytis. Plenty of air circulation, good drainage, keeping water off foliage and flowers, plenty of water but not over-watering, are some of the preventatives. Pick off all affected blooms, and burn. There are also sprays and dusts on the market now, under various trade names, which will cure.

Questions—Frequently questions are mailed me that are unsigned. These are not answered. All questions directed to the garden page must be signed, with name and address. The names and addresses are not published if the questioner wants them withheld. You may sign any initial or means of identification to yourself, which you may wish in print, but your correct name and address must appear in the letter mailed to the garden editor, if you wish an answer to your questions.

Question—I've asked a couple of your seed dealers here for Blue Bottle seed and they look at me perfectly blankly. It was a very common flower back home, and one of which I'm very fond. . . Could you possibly give me some other name for it that would be known here? Or don't you know it either? Newcomer.

Answer—Truthfully, I didn't recognize this name either, but my good book says this is a Bachelor's Button—or Cornflower. . . and sometimes it is called Ragged Sailor, Ragged Robin here—a lovely one, although at times it may be a pest in the countryside.

Question—Have a few raspberry bushes on new place. We enjoyed them very much this year, although they had been neglected and looked awful. Know nothing about garden. Both reared in San Francisco apartment houses. Enjoy Salem very much and are following your page for "every step of the way." Now we must know what to do with raspberries? S. F.

Answer—Remove old bearing raspberry canes, and all weak or extra new canes. Keep about six new, strong canes per hill. Supply a strong support to keep canes growing straight. Burn old canes removed to get rid of pests and diseases. When the berry vines have been cleaned up properly, then apply a 5-10-10 fertilizer to get off to good start.

Questions—What is dodder? C. P.

Answer—Seed plants parasitic on stems and other parts of cultivated or wild plants. They are leafless, orange to yellow twining vines. The seed germinates, starting a little later than the host plant. The parasite is a slender, yellowish thread with growing tip circling around for support. When it touches something, it twines like a morning glory, and if the support is susceptible it puts out little suckers or haustoria which penetrate the host stem. The yellow vine being the first stem coil then dries up and there is no further contact with the soil. The parasite continues to twine and spread orange tendrils from one plant to the next.

Gladiolus Fans Gather for Regional Show in Portland

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Portland is playing host to gladiolus fans throughout the west at the big Pacific International Gladiolus Show which opened Saturday at the International Harvester showroom, S.E. McLaughlin boulevard and Harvester Drive. The show will run through today as well. Hours today are from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The show is being staged jointly by the North American Gladiolus Council, the Oregon State Gladiolus Society and the Portland Gladiolus Society. Co-

operating groups include the Eastern Oregon and North Santiam Gladiolus Societies, and the Grants Pass Gladiolus club. Great interest prior to the show was centered in the shows American Home Achievement award competition, open to the originator—amateur or professional—of the most worthy undisseminated, but named variety of gladiolus at least three years old, whether shown by the originator or someone else. This award is made only to a new variety of adequate merit, distinction and novelty. It cannot go to an unnamed seedling. (See elsewhere in this paper for winner.)

Living Room 'Near Outdoors'



Evenings even in summer in the Willamette Valley are frequently chilly enough to need a fire—but one hates to be deprived of the pretty late summer and early fall scenery out of doors. This living room gives you both, and is particularly delightful if it looks out to a rear garden—and not to the street.

New Style for Outdoor Living Forming in U.S.

A new pattern for outdoor living is developing in America—particularly on the west coast where outdoor living can be enjoyed longer than in the mid-west.

The new mode, compounded of Latin and South Sea influences, has emerged during the post-war decade. This tropical trend has been generated for the most part by architects and builders, who, on tours of military duty ranging from Italy to Japan, came to admire the informal ground level dwellings that opened their walls to balmy, picturesque surroundings.

Coming Out of the Caves
The airy courtyards and terraces of Mediterranean countries, the sunny patios of Latin America, the lanais of Hawaii, the sliding partitions of Japan have all made noticeable contributions to the new al fresco spirit of design that brings home interiors into closer relationship with their natural settings.

Expensive use of plate glass had made it possible to adapt the open style of tropical homes to American standards of comfort. Panoramic window walls and sliding glass panels, having opened new vistas in Southern architecture, are now ready to revolutionize the traditionally cave-like houses of the northern climes.

The fast-growing use of translucent building materials is accompanied by an increasing trend toward color tints to control light intensity and tone. Floor-to-ceiling windows can be tinted from light to dark green toward the top to reduce the glare of the sun as it moves toward its zenith. Aqua tones in bedroom window panels are conducive to a restful atmosphere, while amber tints brighten the mood of the kitchen, breakfast room, bathroom and northern exposures. The whole

effort of the new architecture seems to be to eliminate the shell but not the shelter. Sheepmen Like This Idea. Until recently, the modern glass homes of the southern tier have been strictly off limits for the cooler two-thirds of the nation because of a small but crucial technicality. Like the battle lost for lack of a horse-shoe nail, the battle against drafts and moisture has long been a losing

VIET PLANNED
VIENNA, Austria (AP)—Chancellor Julius Rabb will visit West Germany in October. He will be the first Austrian government chief to visit Germany since Chancellor Kurt von Schuschnigg's fruitless call on Hitler in 1938 to prevent Austria's annexation by the Nazis.

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Make poppy divisions now. Divide bleeding heart. Head back wisteria. Plant pansy, delphinium, snapdragon seeds. Continue to feed chrysanthemums. Continue to spray roses. As days shorten and nights grow longer, more danger of mildew.

Survivors of Fatal Crash 'Improving'

GRANTS PASS, Ore. (AP)—The three California survivors of a highway crash that killed five persons Thursday, continued to improve in a hospital here Saturday.

Attendants said the three, who suffered serious injuries in the crash, spent a fair night. All were listed in fair condition.

They are Gerald Clough, 16, Harold Trepagnier, 16, and James Webster, 14, all of Concord, Calif.

Eight California Boy Scouts and their leaders were in a carryall truck, heading north for a vacation in Alaska, when the carryall collided with a big freight truck. The other five Californians were killed.

The freight truck driver was bruised but otherwise uninjured.

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